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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

BALANCED MAN SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED BY SIGMA PHI EPSILON

CHARLESTON -- Eastern Illinois University freshman Brad K. Peterson, son of Judy Peterson of Plano, is one of two recipients of the third annual Sigma Phi Epsilon Balanced Man Scholarship Awards.

The awards, sponsored nationally by Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity, are given to college freshmen based on their outstanding high school accomplishments in academic, athletic and leadership activities. One does not need to pledge Sigma Phi Epsilon to receive a scholarship.

Recipients received a \$250 stipend and a certificate of recognition.

Peterson, who is studying zoology at Eastern, was among nine finalists who were nominated by their high school principals on the basis of their outstanding accomplishments.

While at Plano High School, Peterson was on the honor roll for four years and was a member of the National Honor Society, graduating with a 3.67 G.P.A. on a 4.0 scale. He was an Academic All-Conference member of the Interstate Eight IHSAA Conference, participating in football, basketball, wrestling and baseball.

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He was also a member of the concert and jazz bands, participated in four school musicals, the Madrigal Singers and Thespians. He was active in the T.R.U.T.H. Drug-Free Group; Operation Snowball; the Illinois Drug Education Alliance and PRIDE Drug conferences; was a member of the Scholastic Bowl team; was elected to Who's Who Among American High School Students; was active in the First Lutheran Church youth leadership; and participated in Boys State.

Founded in 1901, Sigma Phi Epsilon, the nation's largest college fraternity, has 15,600 members in chapters on 274 college campuses across the nation.

EIU's Illinois Nu chapter was installed in November, 1992. Although it is one of the newest fraternities on campus, it has received numerous awards for its academic, athletic and extracurricular activities.

Eastern, which is celebrating its 100th anniversary in 1994-95, is a comprehensive university with more than 10,500 students and 46 undergraduate and 27 graduate degree programs. It is a teaching institution which prides itself on the quality and affordability of its undergraduate program.